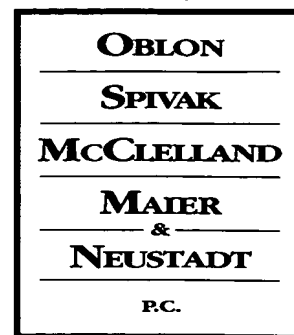




Docket No.: 244562US6YA

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313



ATTORNEYS AT LAW

STEVEN P. WEIHRUCH
(703) 413-3000
SWEIHRUCH@OBLON.COM

EDWIN D. GARLEPP
SENIOR ASSOCIATE
(703) 413-3000
EGARLEPP@OBLON.COM

RE: Application Serial No.: 10/811,912
Applicants: Steven T. FINK, et al.
Filing Date: March 30, 2004
For: HONEYCOMB OPTICAL WINDOW DEPOSITION
SHIELD AND METHOD FOR A PLASMA
PROCESSING SYSTEM
Group Art Unit: 1753

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Status Request for First Office Action (in duplicate)

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Steven P. Weihrouch

Registration No. 32,829

Customer Number

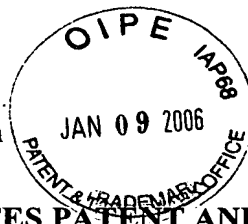
22850

(703) 413-3000 (phone)
(703) 413-2220 (fax)

Edwin D. Garlepp
Registration No. 45,330

Roland E. Martin
Registration No. 48,082

DOCKET NO.: 244562US6YA/alh



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Steven T. FINK, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/811,912

GROUP NO: 1753

FILED: March 30, 2004

FOR: HONEYCOMB OPTICAL WINDOW DEPOSITION SHIELD AND
METHOD FOR A PLASMA PROCESSING SYSTEM

FIRST OFFICE ACTION STATUS REQUEST

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to inform the undersigned of the approximate date a first Official Action will be issued in this Application.

A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Steven P. Weihrouch
Registration No. 32,829

Customer Number

22850

Tel. (703) 413-3000
Fax. (703) 413-2220
(OSMMN 10/04)

Edwin D. Garlepp
Registration No. 45,330

Roland E. Martin
Registration No. 48,082